

# Score One for the Kids

Philip Pullman, author of child-friendly atheist books like *The Golden Compass*, has been told by British authorities that he must register with the newly developed antipedophile database if he still wants to visit kids in the schools; the ruling applies to those who regularly work with children. In a snit, Pullman said the proclamation was “quite dispiriting and sinister,” labeling it an “absurd rule.”

Now perhaps the Brits have gone overboard, but we are nonetheless delighted that kids will be free from Pullman’s dogmatic proselytizing. He’s been working overtime for years promoting videos and books aimed at brainwashing children about just how awful Christianity is and how glorious atheism is. Now, at least, many more kids will be spared his moonshine. All thanks to his liberal buddies in the British government.

The Catholic League is delighted that its 2007 boycott of the film version of *The Golden Compass* worked so well that it persuaded the producers not to move forward with the second movie based on Pullman’s trilogy, *His Dark Materials*. As of now, there are no plans to make *The Subtle Knife*, and we hope it stays that way. Atheism is screwy enough, but when it is sold backdoor to little kids, it is downright pernicious.